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May 6, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: PARATRANSIT SERVICES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the paratransit program for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the Third Supervisorial District.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the disbursement of \$100,000 from the Third Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas of the Third Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The Third Supervisorial District's Paratransit Program includes the following services: Agoura Hills, Rancho Los Amigos, and Topanga Canyon.
2. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate the following agreements for paratransit services in the Third Supervisorial District with the costs and terms as indicated: the Agoura Hills Paratransit Service, provided by the City of Agoura Hills, at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (County's total cost for paratransit services in the Third Supervisorial District under this three-year agreement is \$195,000); and the Topanga Canyon Paratransit Service, provided by the City of Los Angeles, at a cost to the Third District

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of \$34,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (County's total cost for paratransit services in Supervisorial Districts 2, 4, and 5 under this three-year agreement is \$795,000).

3. Instruct the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to sign the agreements.
4. Find that the proposed program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles (County) areas of the Third Supervisorial District and to authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and enter into agreements with various entities for the provision of services.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). This action provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of transit-dependent patrons.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$100,000 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County areas of the Third Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2008-09. This paratransit program contains agreements with multiple-year terms; the costs for each fiscal year within each agreement will be submitted for your approval as part of future paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day no-fault clause for termination.

Two existing agreements will expire on June 30, 2008. This action authorizes the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and enter into agreements to continue services for a Fiscal Year 2008-09 expenditure of \$94,000. These two agreements are for the following paratransit services: the Agoura Hills Paratransit Service, provided by the City of Agoura Hills, at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$60,000 per year and the Topanga Canyon Paratransit Service, provided by the City of Los Angeles, at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$34,000 per year for three years from Fiscal Year 2008-09 through Fiscal year 2010-11.

One paratransit service has an agreement that was previously executed. The Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service is provided under an existing agreement requiring a Fiscal Year 2008-09 disbursement of \$6,000.

The Fiscal Year 2008-09 Paratransit Program Budget for the Third Supervisorial District totals \$100,000, which includes, with your approval, services authorized by your Board action for \$94,000; and the previously executed service agreement for \$6,000. The attachment lists these services with providers, terms, and the Third Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2008-09 contract amounts.

The necessary funds are available in the Third Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On January 4, 1983, your Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each supervisorial district's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84, and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas.

The agreements for the paratransit services will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreements will be signed after receiving the signed Jury Service Program Exception and Certification forms. The agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private, for-profit or nonprofit, transportation service providers.

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Through participation in joint paratransit services, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination and, when available, subsidies provided through grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program (Incentive Grant Program). The Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies, that allow the County to partner with them, contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider a competitive procurement process is used.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for the continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: County Counsel

**ATTACHMENT**  
**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3**  
**PARATRANSIT SERVICES**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2008-09**

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (NEWLY NEGOTIATED)	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2008-09 BUDGET AMOUNT
Agoura Hills	City of Agoura Hills (1)	3-YEAR	06/30/11	\$60,000
Topanga Canyon	City of Los Angeles' Cityride (1)	3-YEAR	06/30/11	\$34,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$94,000</b>

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED AGREEMENTS) (2)				
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute (1)	2-YEAR	06/30/09	\$6,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$6,000</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$100,000</b>
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NOTE: (1) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency  
(2) Agreement were executed in prior years. This action approves the Fiscal Year 2008-09 contract amount.